

“We welcome all the newbies because it’s bringing a targeted focus on city services. It sheds a spotlight on what we don’t have.”

Bruce Huie, president of Dogpatch Neighborhood Association



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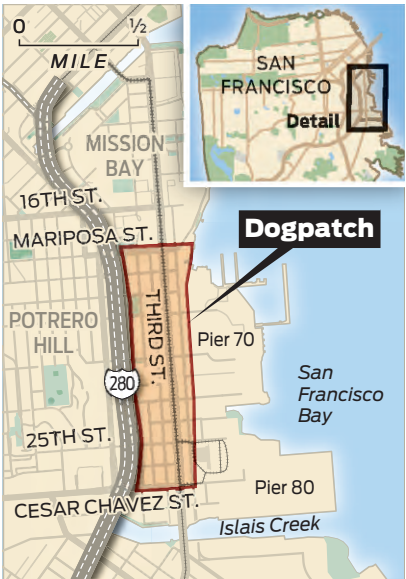
The Avalon Dogpatch development is one of many housing complexes springing up in the neighborhood.

Art hub Dogpatch sheds scruffy past

S.F.’s fastest-growing area enjoys building boom

By J.K. Dineen

The influx of new residents in Dogpatch has been good for foot traffic at Industrious Life, a home decor store on Tennessee Street in San Francisco. But co-owner Patti Davidson bristles just a bit when she hears browsers refer to the neighborhood as the city’s “new” arts and design district. That’s because cheap rents and plentiful warehouse space have been drawing artists and makers to the funky neighborhood for at least 30 years. “Everyone talks about Dogpatch like it’s the cool new neighborhood, but in fact it’s always been cool,” said Davidson, who has worked and hung out at artist spaces in the neighborhood off and on since the 1980s. “There were more artists here when it was off the radar.” Like it or not, longtime Dogpatch folks can’t ignore the fact that their beloved neighborhood is very much on the radar now. With new restaurants or galleries opening seemingly every week, Dogpatch is the city’s fastest-growing neighborhood, with a population set to jump to about



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8,000 by 2025 — up from 2,000 in 2015 — as huge developments at Pier 70 and the old Potrero Power Plant join the area’s shiny housing complexes. In the past three months alone, three developments with a total of 700 housing units have opened in Dogpatch. An additional 1,500 units

are set to pop up in the next few years as new buildings rise throughout the flat, sunny, 141-acre rectangle sandwiched between the Central Waterfront and Interstate 280. Tennessee Street alone, which is home to both the San Francisco chapter of the Hells Angels and City Attorney Dennis Herrera, will see seven new developments totaling 663 units along its 11-block length. Two blocks over, Indiana Street will have 493 new apartments in three developments. And four complexes with 400 units will materialize along Third Street, the main commercial drag, where the T-Third Street Muni cars lurch north toward Mission Bay and south toward the Bayview. Meanwhile, UCSF has started building 610 units on the 600 block of Minnesota Street that will house graduate students and researchers starting in 2019. What is unusual about the spurt of development in Dogpatch is that many people seem to be enjoying the drastic transformation instead of fighting it, say residents and

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WINE COUNTRY FIRES

PG&E looking to pass cost on

Even if it followed rules, utility could face big fine

By David R. Baker

The lethal wildfires in the North Bay could exact a heavy cost on Pacific Gas and Electric Co., even if the utility did nothing wrong. State investigators are trying to determine whether PG&E’s power lines and poles — some of which came crashing down in a wind-storm the night the fires began — sparked the flames. The first lawsuit from burned-out homeowners accusing PG&E of negligence was filed a little more than a week after the fires began. If investigators do find that PG&E’s electrical lines started the fires, the company will probably be liable for economic damages, regardless of negligence. And even if PG&E faithfully followed every state rule for maintaining its equipment, it still could face costs already estimated to top \$1 billion.

Progress: Full containment of North Bay wildfires is expected this week. C1

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Supes weigh moving staff out of squalid Hall of Justice

By Rachel Swan

For decades, the complaints have piled up. Mice. Cockroaches. Asbestos. Sewage dripping down into offices from clogged toilets in the seventh-floor jail. But Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting could mark the beginning of the end of these travails for everyone working in San Francisco’s Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant St. The board will vote on whether to approve a \$150 million, 15-year lease on a Potrero Hill office building, as well as two letters of intent to rent property in the South of Market. Those agreements would enable the district attorney’s office, adult probation department and police investigations unit to move out of the Hall of Justice on July 1. Hall of Justice employees and their unions are exhorting the supervisors to approve

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Sloppy loss: Detroit’s Avery Bradley, above, steals a Stephen Curry pass intended for Klay Thomson. The Warriors commit 25 turnovers in a 115-107 loss to the Pistons. B1 World Series: Houston pulls out a 13-12, 10-inning win over the Dodgers in Game 5 to take a three-games-to-two lead. B3

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Midnight North: Marin band is poised to attain national prominence. E1

Goodwill warehouse ensures workers gain high-tech skills

By Carolyn Said

In a sprawling warehouse, workers under bright lights photograph merchandise destined for sale over the Internet — jewelry, electronics, collectibles. Others enter and edit the images and crop item descriptions. Goods labeled with bar codes sit on rows of shelves, ready to be selected and shipped. It sounds like the latest hot e-commerce startup. But this is Goodwill, the charity founded in 1902 that’s best known for brick-and-mortar thrift stores selling clothing and household goods. With a mission to hire and train people who face employment obstacles — many were formerly incarcerated or homeless — the Goodwill of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin is working to ensure that its clients in those counties will learn the right skills to land



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David Sament photographs action figures for Goodwill’s website at the nonprofit’s South San Francisco warehouse.

jobs in the technology economy. As e-commerce has surged, warehouse work is now among the nation’s fastest-growing job categories, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But warehouses of companies such

as Amazon and Walmart often require some digital know-how beyond the ability to drive a forklift or lift heavy boxes. “Most jobs now involve technology, even for a mechanic or

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